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FOR PM VEST FROM AMBASSADOR PICKERING

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: MORG JO

SUBJECT: DOD DIRECTIVE ON US DEFENSE REP IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

REF: STATE 002258

1. MY PRELIMINARY VIEWS REGARDING SUBJECT WERE
CONVEYED IN MY LETTER OF OCTOBER 25,1975 TO
PM DIRECTOR VEST.

2. IT DOES APPEAR OBVIOUS THAT DOD DIRECTIVE IS IN
CONFLICT WITH AMBASSADOR'S AUTHORITY AS
DEFINED IN PL 93-475.

A) NO EXPLICIT MENTION IS MADE ANYWHERE IN THE
DIRECTIVE OF THE AMBASSADOR'S AUTHORITY OVER THE
DEFENSE REP, DESPITE THE CLEAR STATEMENT OF THAT
AUTHORITY IN THE LAW. THE ONLY EXPLICIT MENTION OF
COMMAND AUTHORITY IS IN SUCH PHRASES AS "DEFENSE
REP WILL REPORT THROUGH THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND
THE JCS TO THE SECDEF" (IIC) WE ASSUME THE APPOINTING
AUTHORITY IS NOT THE AMBASSADOR, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT
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DEFINED IN THE DIRECTIVE.

B) IN FACT RELATIONSHIP TO AMBASSADOR IS
DESCRIBED THROUGHOUT DIRECTIVE IN NON COMMAND TERMS:
"ATTACHE'S ROLE AS ADVISOR TO AMBASSADOR (IIIA.6)
"PROVIDE ADVICE AND INFORMATION TO THE AMBASSADOR",
(IVA.2) "...IMPROVE THE INTERFACE BETWEEN NON
COMBAT DOD ELEMENTS THE US AMBASSADOR AND THE
HOST GOVERNMENT DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT, (IVA.5)
"PERFORM REPRESENTATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO...
THE US AMBASSADOR (IVA.7) GENERAL VAGUENESS
OF THE PHRASEOLOGY AND REPETITION OF TERMS "INTERFERE"
WITH AMBASSADOR WOULD EVEN SUGGEST THAT EFFORTS
WERE MADE TO AVOID PLACING DEFENSE REP EXPLICITLY
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE AMBASSADOR OR CHIEF OF
MISSION.

3. IT WOULD APPEAR TO US THAT AS A MINIMUM DIRECTIVE
SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO CONTAIN EXPLICIT CLEAR AND UNMISTAKEABLE
REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR'S OF CHIEF OF MISSION'S FULL
STATUTORY AND PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY OVER DOD REP.
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